



## **Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes May 12, 2021**

**Members in Attendance:** Stephen Crane, Meryl Schwartz, John Arena, Phil Posner, Aaron Miklosko, Kate Hodges, Steve Dookran, Jane Hotchkiss (SB liaison), Marcia Rasmussen, Chief O'Connor

- 2:04 meeting called to order followed by a roll call
- Minutes were approved as amended for April 7, 2021 with a correction to name "Sussman"

### **Speed Limits in Town**

- Discussion on speed limits in Concord being reduced to 25mph in thickly settled, statutory speed limits on side streets
- A discussion followed regarding speed limits, the need for a new speed study to be done to update to current standards, and Mr. Crane and Chief O'Connor said doing a new speed study is fastest way to change any of the current speed limits

### **Sudbury Road Update**

- Mr. Dookran said that the design has been completed, bids have been received for flashing beacons, crosswalks, sidewalk, etc, and that the low bid came in at \$140,000. Not able to currently fund unless change and shrink scope, looking into grants and other funding sources
- Mr. Dookran provided an overview of complete streets grant and what the complete street features that are being implemented are
- Mr. Posner asked how much of Hubbard Street project was coming out of betterment assessment, answer provided was none
- Ms. Schwartz asked about how streets and sidewalks are assessed for project ranking; Mr. Crane mentioned that it was a part of the complete streets
- Steve Ledoux, 89 Heathsbridge Rd – Sudbury road news is disappointing, could some money from other projects be re-allocated, could ARPA funds be used? Mr. Crane responded saying the information isn't available yet and we will be going through to see if there are other funds at the end of the Fiscal Year
- Mr. Dookran said the temporary signs have been working well so far

### **Junction Park Update**

- Ms. Rasmussen shared a presentation to provide an update which included signs, stencils, etc to tell people to 'walk their wheels' through Junction Park
- Mr. Miklosko said that if the committee wants to put signs up will have to order them and it will take several weeks
- Dorie Kehoe, 51 MacArthur Road – sign at traffic light has been there since the rail trail went in, why would these signs change anything? It is not enforceable to 'walk their wheels'
- Richard Fahlander, 399 Old Bedford Road – Perhaps we could also have people doing the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) user count to count number of people who do not dismount during the trail count to get more data

- Ellen Quackenbush, 206 Prairie Street - would be very useful to gather data on who walks their wheels and speak with people like Concord Park and Children's Center on how they use it
- Ms. Schwartz – Agree with Ms. Kehoe, difficult to change behavior
- Cossette Dun, 131 Ministerial Drive – Thanks for not painting on pavers, keep in mind what is next if signs don't work, could be good to have educational programs to teach kids to 'walk their wheels'
- John Arena said that the bike safety class was very successful
- Mark Gailus, 62 Prescott Road - signage proposals are a good first start, hard to change behavior, reaching out to people to teach others to model behavior

#### Bicycle Sub-Committee Membership

- Would consider allowing other non-committee members due to complications with scheduling
- Mr. Posner would like to see 7-9 people on the sub-committee
- Mr. Posner made a motion to change the number of members of the committee to 7, a roll call vote was completed to approve the change

#### Liaison, Public, or Other Comments:

Richard Fahlander – Wanted to thank Ron Holsinger and the rest of the PD

Tanya Gailus – Agreed with expansion of bike sub-committee. It was mentioned that she believes any discussion regarding the bike to school was a violation of the open meeting law, Ms. Gailus then described her concerns over Reformatory Branch Trail and the Bicycle Sub-Committee membership

Mark Gailus – concerned that discussion over Reformatory Branch Trail will happen too far down the line and to have it sooner rather than later

Motion to adjourn 3:13 pm after a roll call vote